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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION SHOWS CONTINUED PROGRESS

Reports for February show that all basic industries exceeded the plan.

The coal industry completed the plan 100.4 percent, extracting 5,652,000 tons of coal, an increase of half a million tons over the production in February 1948. Total production for January and February 1949 was 11,677,000 tons or an increase of more than 700,000 tons over the corresponding period of 1948.

The power industry completed the February plan 100.2 percent. Daily production for February 1949 was 3 percent higher than for February 1948.

The chemical industry completed its plan 103.4 percent.

All the branches of the metal industry also showed favorable results. The machine tool sector, as a whole completed the plan 106.1 percent, the branch engaged in building express locomotives, Model Pt 47, 110 percent; coal cars, 113.5 percent; tank cars, 114.6 percent; and tractors, 112.6 percent.

The maritime division also completed the plan not only in port services but in navigation as well. Total port loadings on the Polish seacoast in January 1949 were 1,437,000 tons or 124 percent of the plan. Freight carried by ships flying the Polish flag reached 116,000 tons, or 128 percent of plan in January. The number of passengers carried was 1,931,816, or 143 percent of the plan. Loadings in Gdynia and Gdansk in February 1949 were 1,023,000 tons as against 782,000 tons in February 1948. In Szczecin the total port turnover was 328,000 tons as against 213,000 tons in February 1948, an increase of over 50 percent.

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